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COUNTRY Austria REPORT

TOPIC Military Activity at Klosterneuburg, Vienna X, Traiskirchen, 25X1

Kaisersteinbruch, Goetzendorf and Bruck on the Leitha River 25X1

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DATE OF CONTENT

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towing a field kitchen, tank truck  jeep  25X1

an amphibious jeep and armored personnel carrier  left 25X1

Klosterneuburg for Vienna. All soldiers wore black-bordered black and blue-bordered black epaulets with or without engineer and signal insignia. Sedans  driver of which wore red-bordered black epaulets left the station by road and went toward Vienna.  installations at Klosterneuburg which had been occupied by Soviet personnel were evacuated. No lean-to roofs, sheds or planks were left behind. No Soviet equipment was observed at the loading ramp after the train had left the station. Apparently the train which had left Klosterneuburg at 1730 on 10 August had been the last Soviet train since all installations had been evacuated and no Soviet equipment was left at the station. 1 25X1

2. On 3 August, vehicular traffic at the Trost Kaserne included trucks   black-bordered red epaulets, and van-like truck  About 26 trucks, 25X1

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[redacted] and  
 5 tank trucks were parked at the troop training grounds south of  
 the Trost Kaserne. The barbed wire had been removed. No imprints  
 of track-laying vehicles were seen at the repair shop at 109 - 111  
 Troststrasse. The garages at 83 Pernerstorfergasse and 97 - 103  
 Alexingergasse had been evacuated by the Soviets and transferred  
 to Austrian civilian authorities. 2

3. On 3 August, the installation in the former Bundeserziehungsanstalt  
 at Traiskirchen seemed to be occupied to capacity. Most of the lean-to  
 roofs south of the installation had been dismantled. Vehicles parked  
 there included 6 armored scout cars, 4 x 57-mm AT guns and 46 trucks

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[redacted]  
 The high-power long-distance radio station in the western part of the  
 installation was unchanged. Trucks [redacted]

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[redacted] carried planks from the installation  
 to the Pfaffstaetten railroad station. All planks were piled up at  
 the station. 3

4. On 2 August, vehicular traffic at cantonment No 1 in Kaisersteinbruch  
 included trucks [redacted] On the elevation  
 east of cantonment No 1 four 122-mm field howitzers with prime movers  
 and four 122-mm field howitzers without prime movers, 4 x 76-mm  
 field guns and 32 trucks were observed. Soldiers practiced at the  
 four field howitzers without prime movers. About 12 57-mm AA guns  
 6 x 85-mm AA guns and 29 trucks [redacted]

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[redacted] were parked at the parking area immediately north of  
 Kaisersteinbruch. Six 25-mm AA guns were emplaced there. Soldiers  
 wearing red-bordered black epaulets were observed at maintenance work. 4

5. On 2 August, officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank  
 and artillery insignia and Soviet women and children were seen at  
 the installation southeast of Goetzendorf. The following vehicles  
 and weapons were observed at the installation: 6 x 122-mm field  
 howitzers of model 1938, 4 x 76-mm field guns, 6 trucks carrying 7  
 heavy mortars and 46 trucks [redacted]

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[redacted] Six armored  
 vehicles of unidentified type practiced driving in single file and  
 in line abreast formation east of the installation. 5

6. On 1 August, 12 armored full-track vehicles of an unidentified type  
 were parked under the lean-to roofs of the installation southeast of  
 the Bruck on the Leitha River railroad station. The two T-34/85s [redacted]  
 [redacted] practiced driving on the firing range 3 km  
 southwest of the railroad. Officers wearing red-bordered black and  
 black-bordered red epaulets, soldiers with red-bordered black, black-  
 bordered black and black-bordered red epaulets and Soviet civilians  
 were seen at the camp in the woods. Vehicular traffic at the camp  
 included trucks [redacted]  
 and jeep [redacted] The vehicles were driven by soldiers with black-  
 bordered red epaulets and mostly went towards Kaisersteinbruch.

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1. Comment. The report indicates that the 8th Gds Engr Bn of the 13th Gds Mecz Div has definitely left its post. Though the train went toward Vienna, it is not determined whether Vienna is the destination of this unit or not. The 46th Gds Mecz Regt of the 13th Gds Mecz Div which prior to the time reported was stationed at Klosterneuburg may not return to its post. The motor vehicles which were observed on the train belong to the engineer battalion.
2. Comment. Prior to the time of information, the 44th Gds Mecz Regt of the 13th Gds Mecz Div, which was stationed at the Trost Kaserne, practiced at the troop training grounds at Doellersheim. The final evacuation and transfer of the garages at Pernersdorferstrasse and Alzinger gasse where the motor vehicles of this regiment were parked indicates that the bulk of the 44th Gds Mecz Regt may not return to its post.
3. Comment. The 45th Gds Mecz Regt of the 13th Gds Mecz Div is apparently still stationed at Traiskirchen. The dismantling work indicates, however, that a transfer of troops is planned. All motor vehicles identified belong to units stationed at Traiskirchen.
4. Comment. The 32d Gds Howitzer Art Regt and the 2500th AAA Regt of the 13th Gds Mecz Div are stationed at Kaisersteinbruch.
5. Comment. The report indicates that the 1022d Art Regt of the 13th Gds Mecz Div (the former 654th mortar Regt) are equipped with 122-mm field howitzers and with heavy mortars. Field guns of 76-mm caliber were also observed at this regiment. All tanks identified belong to the 55th Tank Instruction Bn of the 13th Gds Mecz Div.
6. Comment. Details of the 15th Gds Tank Regt of the 13th Gds Mecz Div, which is stationed in Bruck on the Leitha River, are apparently still at Doellersheim. No indications of a final transfer of troops have been observed so far.

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